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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report, Swaziland Bureau, October 1988

I. OPERATIONS

1. A 23-member UN advance team arrived in Windhoek 1 October to begin implementing UN Resolution 435 on Namibian independence, to take effect 1 November. However, an "informal" 6-9 October meeting in New York of the participants in the quadripartite talks failed to reach agreement on a timetable for the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola, and an expected meeting in Geneva 21 October was not held. Accusations were exchanged throughout the month, and Resolution 435 was not implemented 1 November.

2. Three prominent UDF activists left the U.S. Consulate in Johannesburg 19 October after deciding that "no further purpose would be served by remaining in the consulate." They had been at the consulate since 13 September. Acting UDF Publicity Secretary Murphy Morobe, one of the detainees, told a news conference later that day that Nelson Mandela had suggested the three leave the consulate "as soon as possible."

3. The 26 October municipal elections in South Africa saw the "largest turnout in municipal voting history." President P.W. Botha's National Party gained control of most important urban areas, including Johannesburg and Pretoria, and had widespread success in the rural areas of Natal and the Orange Free State. The Conservative Party achieved its greatest successes in the Transvaal's rural areas and industrial towns.

4. Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda was reelected to another 5-year term of office. He ran unopposed, and the results were never in doubt. Lusaka reported that people were so anxious to vote that "they did not wait for some party officials to compel them to go and cast their votes."

5. Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano underwent prostate surgery in Havana 31 October. A medical bulletin issued after the operation announced that Chissano was "recovering well."

II. ADMINISTRATION

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A. Personnel

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1. Bureau Engineer [] and his wife [] departed post 3 October following [] retirement. STAT

2. Deputy Chief [] TDY'd to Frankfurt 8-16 October for management training. STAT

3. [] and family moved into their house 12 October following minor repairs. STAT

4. Editor [] departed on R&R 29 October. STAT

5. Weddings highlighted the Mbabane social calendar this month. King Mswati III invited thousands of guests to the Royal Kraal near Mbabane for a 3-day ceremony 7-9 October to celebrate his marriage to his fifth wife. The king's first four wives were chosen for him by tribal elders. He chose this wife after watching a video of Swazi maidens at the Reed Dance last year.

Bureau staffers were invited to the 29 October wedding of GSO Scott Heckman and AID secretary Lois Jenkins. The ceremony was held at Mliwane Game Reserve, near the hippopotamus watering hole. World Wildlife Fund officials were reportedly not invited to the reception, which featured a braai of impala steak and wildebeest sausage. [] served as video cameraman for the event.

III. VISITORS

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1. Two ALA analysts visited the bureau 25 October during an orientation TDY of southern Africa.

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